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Box PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing  
is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s)  
according to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.41(c).

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For: ABSORBENT ARTICLE

Enclosed are:

- X  A specification consisting of  20  pages
- X   5  sheet(s) of  formal  drawings
- Certified copy of Priority Document(s)
- X  Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 CFR 1.64 will follow
- Applicant claims small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR 1.27
- Preliminary Amendment

- ☒ Information Sheet
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 with reference(s)
- ☐ Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 CFR 1.76
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Applicant requests early publication

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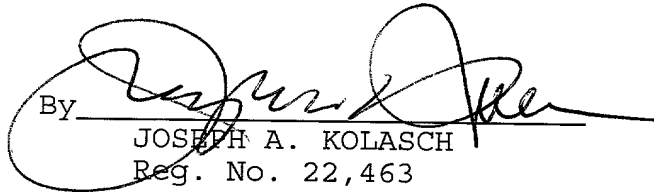
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